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SUBJ: VISIT OF PM KRIANGSAK TO BURMA-NARCOTICS ISSUES

REF (A) RANGOON 1765, (B) BANGKOK 13989,

1. DEA AND EMBOFFCS DISCUSSED VISIT TO BURMA MAY 10-12
BY PM KRIANGSAK, IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION MAY 16 WITH MG
PHAO SARASIN, SEC OF THAI POLICE NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION CEN-
TER. PHAO, WHO WAS MEMBER OF THAI DEL, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION
WITH VISIT AND FELT THAT PROGRESS MADE IN IMPROVING THAI-
BURMESE RELATIONS WAS GREATER THAN HE HAD ANTICIPATED.

2. PHAO SAID THAT, FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW, PRINCIPAL MEETING
WAS WITH BURMESE PM U MAUNG MAUNG KHA. BURMESE PM BEGAN
SESSION RATHER FORMALLY, SPEAKING IN BURMESE, WHICH WAS IN-
TERPRETED FOR THAI DEL. PM KRIANGSAK RESPONDED IN ENGLISH,
WHEREUPON BURMESE PM RELENDED, AND BALANCE OF CONVERSATION
WAS IN ENGLISH. KRIANGSAK NOTED BURMESE CONCERN ABOUT DISSID-
ENT MINORITY GROUPS IN THAILAND, AND RECOGNIZED THAT THIS
HAD BEEN UNDERSTANDABLE WORRY FOR BURMA. HE SAID THAT ARMED
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BURMESE MINORITY GROUPS IN THAILAND HAVE BEEN MOVED OUT OF
COUNTRY AND HE EXPRESSED DETERMINATION THAT THEY WOULD BE
KEPT OUT OF THAILAND.

3. KRIANGSAK NOTED THAI CONCERN OVER THE NARCOTICS TRAFFIC
IN THE AREA. THE PROBLEM IS MAINLY OPIUM PRODUCED IN BURMA.
BURMESE PM NOTED THAT CHEMICALS FOR HEROIN PRODUCTION COME

FROM THAILAND. KRIANGSAK AGREED AND ADDED THAT CHEMISTS COME FROM ELSEWHERE, OFTEN HONG KONG. HOWEVER, IF THERE WERE NO OPIUM TRANSPORTED FROM PRODUCING REGION TO BORDER AREA, CHEMISTS AND CHEMICALS WOULD HAVE NO VALUE. KRIANGSAK SUGGESTED AN EXCHANGE OF INFO BETWEEN THAILAND AND BURMA ON NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. BURMESE PM EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PROPOSAL. THAI ASKED IF INFO WOULD BE EXCHANGED AT THE BORDER BETWEEN POLICE FORCES. BURMESE RESPONDED THAT NARCOTICS IS TOO SENSITIVE A MATTER FOR LOCAL EXCHANGES AND SAID EXCHANGE SHOULD BE AT RANGOON-BANGKOK LEVEL. IT WAS AGREED THAT THAI AND BURMESE MFA'S WOULD REDUCE AGREEMENT TO WRITING WHICH WOULD BE CONFIRMED SUBSEQUENTLY.

4. KRIANGSAK SUGGESTED THAT THAI COULD PROVIDE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY OF REFINERIES IN BURMA NEAR THAI BORDER IF BURMESE WOULD AGREE TO SHALLOW PENETRATION OF BURMESE AIRSPACE BY THAI AIRCRAFT. BURMESE INITIALLY SAID THIS WAS IMPOSSIBLE, AS IT WOULD VIOLATE BURMESE CONSTITUTION. HOWEVER, BURMESE FINALLY AGREED TO STUDY THE MATTER.

5. COMMENT: GEN PHAO'S ASSESSMENT OF KRIANGSAK VISIT TO BURMESE IS SLIGHTLY MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN THAT CONTAINED REF A. TONE AND CONTENT OF KRIANGSAK'S COMMENTS TO PRESS IN BANGKOK, BEING TRANSMITTED IN REF B, ARE ALSO MORE OPTIMISTIC. EMB WILL REVIEW VISIT WITH OTHER SENIOR THAI OFFICERS WHO TOOK PART IN IT AND WILL FOLLOW UP PARTICULARLY ON STATUS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE OF NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE.
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